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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Lowell et al. Group No.: 2644

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For: Lay-In Tile Speaker System Examiner: Tran, Con P.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT and RESPONSE

HONORABLE SIR:

Responsive to the official communication of January 25, 2006 and the Advisory Action dated April 10, 2006 and telephone interview with Examiner Tran on April 24, 2006, Applicants submit the following Amendments and Remarks, which submissions are mailed within three (3) months of the date of mailing of the Final Rejection and accompany a Request for Continuing Examination (RCE). It is not believed that extensions of time are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this Amendment. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned for under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account 08-3460.

Amendments

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.121 and 37 CFR §1.116, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.